

HONORING CORPSMAN FIRST CLASS RYAN LOHREY

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and honor the extraordinary service and sacrifice of U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman First Class Ryan Lohrey of Middletown, IN. Dedication to his country, loyalty to his fellow servicemembers, and a deep love for his family were the qualities that defined Ryan's life.

A native of Middletown, IN, Ryan graduated from Shenandoah High School in 2005. Two years after graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy, where he served our country as a special amphibious reconnaissance corpsman, providing medical care to his fellow servicemembers.

On Monday, July 10, 2017, Ryan and 15 other servicemembers died tragically when the KC-130 aircraft they were on crashed in Mississippi. The plane was carrying servicemembers from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 452 and the 2d Marine Raider Battalion, a special operations unit. Hundreds gathered on July 27 as a military procession honored Ryan from Indianapolis International Airport to New Castle, IN. He received military honors during his funeral in Middletown on July 31, 2017.

Ryan is remembered for his selfless sacrifice, humility, patience, and infectious smile. He distinguished himself through his service in the U.S. Navy, where he deployed with the 2d Marine Reconnaissance Battalion and later with the 2d Marine Raider Battalion. He was a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq. Ryan had qualification as an enlisted fleet marine force warfare specialist, marine combatant diver, and Navy and Marine Corps parachutist. He rose to become a special amphibious reconnaissance corpsman. For his service, among the awards he earned were a Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon with Gold Star in lieu of second award, and Good Conduct Medal with two Bronze Stars in lieu of second and third award.

Ryan was a devoted patriot, son, husband, and father, who loved football and making others laugh. He is survived and will be deeply missed by his wife, Cassie; his two children, Gavin and Maelyn; his parents, Michael and Teresa Lohrey of Middletown; and his grandparents, Barbara Lohrey of Middletown, and George Lohrey, of Sulphur Springs; as well as friends, the U.S. Navy family, and Hoosiers across the State of Indiana.

As Ryan's grandmother said, "Ryan was my hero. He's everybody's hero." Ryan set an example for others and will be remembered for his strong character. Let us always remember and emulate the shining example this brave man set for us and honor his commitment to serving his fellow citizens. May God welcome Ryan home and give comfort to his family and friends.

HONORING LIEUTENANT AARON ALLAN

Mr. DONNELLY. Today I wish to recognize and honor the extraordinary service and sacrifice of Lt. Aaron Allan of the Southport Police Department. Dedication, loyalty, and compassion for those in need were the qualities that defined Lt. Allan's life.

Lt. Aaron Allan was a 6-year veteran with the Southport Police Department, who began his career in law enforcement in 2001. A kind and caring person, Lt. Allan was a family man who devoted his life to serving his community. Lt. Allan earned the nickname "Teddy Bear" because of his kind heart and willingness to help anyone in need.

Lt. Allan had dreamed of being a police officer since he was 5 years old. Before he joined the Southport Police Department in 2011 as a volunteer officer, he previously worked as an officer at the Indiana School for the Deaf and for Franklin Township Schools. In 2015, he was named Southport Police Department's "Officer of the Year," after saving two lives. Among his efforts, he performed CPR to save a man at the Indiana State Fairgrounds before backup officers arrived with a defibrillator. In recognition of his work, he became the only full-time paid officer in an all-volunteer force of reserve officers. He was a devout volunteer, leader, and role model in Southport, who believed in community policing and prided himself on stopping to talk with residents and getting to know them. Lt. Allan made a difference in the community and always put the safety and well-being of his fellow citizens first. When he encountered a family whose car would not start and the husband had been diagnosed with a brain tumor and the wife cared for her husband and young daughter, Allan went to an auto parts store and bought the family a new car battery with his own money. It went beyond that. He participated in "Shop with a Deputy," volunteering to take underprivileged children Christmas shopping. He also excelled responding to difficult calls, whether a citizen had overdosed and needed Narcan or he encountered a drunk driver. He enriched and touched so many lives through his service, and he made the ultimate sacrifice while responding to fellow citizens in need.

On Thursday, July 27, 2017, Lt. Allan was doing his job, responding to an incident involving an overturned vehicle in Southport, when he was shot. Hours before Lt. Allan was killed, he walked his 5-year-old son, Aaron, Jr., to the bus for his first day of kindergarten. He put his life on the line so that Hoosiers could have the chance to live in peace and safety, and we are eternally grateful. He died doing what he loved, and his legacy will live on.

Lt. Allan was a devoted citizen, son, husband, father, and friend, who loved his children and his fellow brothers and sisters in blue. He loved his job as a Southport Police Officer, and no amount of gratitude can repay Lt. Allan or his loved ones for his sacrifice.

Lt. Allan is survived and deeply missed by his wife, Stacy, their two sons, his fellow officers in Southport, and citizens across Indiana. Let us strive to remember and emulate the shining example Lt. Allan set for us, and honor his selfless commitment to serving his fellow citizens. May God welcome Lt. Allan home and give comfort to his family and friends.

VENEZUELA

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a statement by Julio Andres Borges Junyent, President of the National Assembly of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA—IN RESCUE OF THE CONSTITUTION, DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS: AGREEMENT IN DISREGARD OF THE FRAUDULENT'S ELECTORAL RESULTS ON JULY 30TH, 2017 FOR WHICH WAS INTENDED TO IMPOSE AN ILLEGITIMATE NATIONAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, AND IN CLAIM OF THE 1999 CONSTITUTION AS A DEMOCRATIC BASIS OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA

CONSIDERING

On July 30th, 2017 the regime of Nicolas Maduro, with the support of the majority of rectors of the National Electoral Council, judges of the Supreme Court of Justice and the high dome of the National Bolivarian Armed Forces, advanced on the fraudulent constituent process that initiated on May 1, 2017, realizing a supposed illegitimate "election" of such illegitimate constituent members;

CONSIDERING

The authorities of the National Bolivarian Armed Forces have assumed the prominence in the announcements concerning the electoral process, investing the constitutional principle of subjection of the military civil authorities; which is a sample of the militarism they intend to impose, in contravention to the enshrined civic and republican values on the current Constitution of 1999;

CONSIDERING

That this National Assembly has pointed out in various agreements, and it was ratified by the Venezuelan people in the referendum of July 16th, 2017, the National Constituent Assembly is a fraudulent and illegitimate process that only seeks to repeal the Constitution of 1999 by other mechanisms than those provided, in order to establish in Venezuela a dictatorship of totalitarian Court, in reason of which all acts and processes arising from such constituent must be unknown to citizens and government employees, who have the duty to restore the validity of the 1999 Constitution, all this, in accordance with the articles 333 and 350;

CONSIDERING

The fraudulent election of July 30th sought to give legitimacy to the constitutional process, despite the fact that such procedure was initiated with the usurpation of the popular sovereignty, which was never consulted about the convocation of the constituent Assembly, as ordered by the constitutional article 347;

CONSIDERING

In addition, the fraudulent election of July 30th was held on the sidelines of international guarantees and constitutional minimum that must be presented in any democratic election, which shows the high despite

abstention in the irregular voting stations admitted for this election, the President of the National Electoral Council announced a false call participation of eight million and eighty-nine thousand three hundred and twenty (8,089,320) electors, making the committed fraud even more evident;

CONSIDERING

The Venezuelan people, in exercise of their right to resistance, made various peaceful protests during the day of July 30th, 2017, with the deplorable balance of 16 people killed, hundreds injured and many arrested in an arbitrary manner, with the repression which the regime of Nicolas Maduro has attended for trying to impose its fraudulent and illegitimate National Constituent Assembly;

CONSIDERING

That the international community, like countries such as Argentina, Colombia, Spain, United States of America and Mexico, as well as international organizations such as the Organization of American States (OAS) and the European Parliament, expressed their rejection on the fraudulent constituent process of Nicolas Maduro's regime;

CONSIDERING

That the fraudulent election of the illegitimate National Constituent Assembly of July 30th, 2017, implies a major change in the political and constitutional Venezuelan scene, having to represent the definitive attempt of restoring the dictatorship of totalitarian court protected on the figure of the National Constituent Assembly, which demands the articulation of effective and immediate action orientated to deposing a despotic form of government, contributing to the effective reestablishment of the Constitution in Venezuela, in context of articles 333 and 350 of the Constitution, with the democratic legitimacy derived from the popular consultation on July 16th and the support of the international community committed on the universal defense of human rights and constitutional democracy.

ACCORDING

First: Confirm that all the acts related to the National Constituent Assembly including the supposed election effected on July 30th, 2017 must be unrecognized because it was a process based on usurpation of the popular sovereignty and of the original Constituent power that belongs exclusively to the people of Venezuela. Likewise, we ratify the right to the resistance of the people of Venezuela against the fraudulent and illegal National Constituent Assembly, as the officials and members of the armed forces must do. Armed forces must disobey all the acts related to the fraudulent Constituent Assembly, and actively contribute to re-establish the effective validity of the Constitution of 1999.

Second: Unrecognized the election effected on July 30th, 2017 of the members of the fraudulent and illegal National Constituent Assembly that was convened without a popular referendum, and against the peoples' will and in contrivance of article number 347 of the Constitution.

Third: Reject the massacre and aberrant crimes against the Venezuelans who in their legal right to freedom of expression, of protesting and resisting were demonstrating their rejection to the fraudulent Constituent Assembly, and who were expressing solidarity to the parliamentarian body with the victims of repression, arrests, and family members of the deceased, and with all the Venezuelan people.

Fourth: Ratify the mandate of the people stated in the Popular Consultation on July 16th, 2017, by which, this National Assembly,

as a legal and exclusive representative of the Venezuelan people will take all the measures and actions directed to depose the National Constituent Assembly as a power that is illegitimate and of fact to establish effectively the validity of the constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Fifth: Urge the citizen Luisa Ortega Diaz, in her responsibility of General Attorney of the Republic, to investigate at great length the criminal acts against the protesters, as well as the committed crimes that took place during the organization and in the electoral process on July 30th, 2017, and to exercise the relevant actions against the officers and people that ordered and executed such crimes, with the purpose to make effective the punitive, administrative, and disciplinary responsibilities of those who order and executed the repressive acts against the people and of those who participated in the constitutional fraud of the National Constituent Assembly.

Sixth: Urge to the Public Minister to undertake investigations and formalities directed to establish the penal responsibility of all public officers and people evolved in the fraudulent process of the National Constituent Assembly that aims to impose a change that violates the constitution and changes the republican foundation of the Nation.

Seventh: Grateful for the solidarity expressed by the International Community with regard to the people of Venezuela and in rejection of the fraudulent National Constituent Assembly, and for arranging necessary meetings to execute common actions of states committed to the universal defense of human rights and of the relevant International Entities, so that through the admitted mechanisms of Public International rights and thus contribute to depose the fraudulent and illegal National Constituent Assembly and to reestablish the effective validity of the Constitution of 1999.

Eighth: Support to the people of Venezuela in the exercise of the right to resist the despotism that the National Constituent Assembly aims to impose. We support both the organized and planned actions that contribute to depose such illegal Constituent Assembly, and the execution of necessary actions to reestablish the validity of the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela that obeys the mandate of the Popular Consultation that took place on July 16th, 2017.

Ninth: Ratify the people of Venezuela, faithful to its republican tradition, to impugn all forms of despotic government that derived from the National Constituent Assembly, while the country is linked to the duty of obedience to such constituent and those who contribute to its installation operation. The recognized authorities will be the only ones arising from free and democratic elections.

Tenth: Forward a copy of this agreement to the Secretary-General and the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS), the Organization of United Nations (UN) to the Inter-American Commission on human rights (IACHR) and the members of the diplomatic corps, specially to the representatives of those States that have spoken out without knowing about the election of the National Constituent Assembly.

Tenth first: Give publicity to this agreement.

Given, signed and sealed in the Federal Legislative Palace, seat of the National Assembly of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in Caracas, the first day of August of two thousand seventeen. Year 207 of independence and 158 of the Federation.

JULIO ANDRES BORGES

JUNYENT;

President of the National Assembly.

FREDDY GUEVARA CORTEZ;

First Vice President.

DENNIS FERNANDEZ

SOLORZANO;

Second Vice President.

JOSE IGNACIO GUÉDEZ;

Secretary.

JOSÉ LUIS CARTAYA;

Subsecretary.

THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the historic event of the Great American Eclipse that will cross the continental United States on August 21. That morning, the eclipse will first pass over my home State of Oregon, then sweep across the U.S., ending in South Carolina. Millions of people across Oregon and the country are planning on watching those few moments when the moon will cover the sun and everything will go dark.

It has been 99 years since a total solar eclipse has occurred across the entire country, and whether someone is 5 or 95, this may be the only time they will ever see a total eclipse. It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime event.

This solar eclipse is a rare occurrence where the wonders of science will come right to the front doors of millions of people. That fact hasn't been lost on schools and science organizations throughout Oregon. Educators from the coastal areas of the State to the mountains of eastern Oregon have been working hard to use this eclipse as an opportunity to engage students in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, commonly called STEM.

One of the best science museums in the country, the Oregon Museum of Science Industry, OMSI, has planned an amazing viewing party, with the hope of engaging folks of all ages in the science behind the eclipse. Oregon native Don Pettit, who is a NASA astronaut, will even be there to share his experience of viewing eclipses from the International Space Station. Over the years, OMSI has been a leader in getting students excited about STEM fields. I am so glad the museum is using this eclipse as yet another opportunity to get communities involved in science.

Universities throughout the State are also doing their part to ensure students and community members get the most out of the event. In Corvallis, Oregon State University is hosting a 3-day eclipse event, with astronomy exhibits and a series of science lectures. I also understand that Portland State University, with the help of NASA, will launch video cameras attached to high-altitude balloons, giving anyone the ability to tune in and watch a live stream of the eclipse. Programs like these are so important because they make scientific events more accessible to the younger generations.

I also want to take a few moments today to recognize the local leaders,